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## United States District Court For the Western District of North Carolina

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IN RE: EXEMPTION of ELECTRONIC PUBLIC

US District Court ACCESS FEES Western District of NC

Misc. File No. 1:21-MC-4

In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Kate M. Lesciotto

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by **Ms. Lescioto** for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that Ms. Lescioto as an Assistant Professor of Anatomy at the College of Osteopathic Medicine is researching how forensic anthropology expert witness evidence has been used within the courts and falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Ms. Lescioto has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Ms. Lescioto shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of her research.

Ms. Lescioto shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- 1. this fee exemption applies only to **Ms. Lescioto** and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- 2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- 3. by accepting this exemption, Ms. Lescioto agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- 4. **Ms.** Lescioto is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet based databases;
- 5. this exemption is valid until **December 31, 2022.**

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Dated this ninth day of December, 2021.

Maytin Reidinger, Chief Judge